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For : OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM-MANUFACTURING
APPARATUS

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,

Applicants hereby call to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-059124, on February 28, 2003, together with an English language Abstract of the same; and

Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-276491, published as Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2004-118880, on April 15, 2004, together with an English language translation of the same. Applicants note that this document is discussed on page 2 of the specification of the present application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending, commonly assigned patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/762,305 to IDE et al., entitled "Optical Recording Medium-Manufacturing Apparatus," which was filed on January 23, 2004;

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/762,306 to IDE et al., entitled "Optical Recording Medium-Manufacturing Apparatus," which was filed on January 23, 2004; and

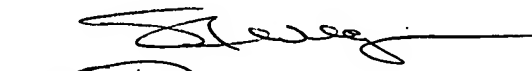
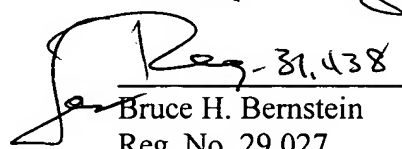
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/762,245 to IDE et al., entitled "Cut-Forming Machine and Optical Recording Medium-Manufacturing Apparatus," which was filed on January 23, 2004.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-noted applications are attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to review the file wrapper of the U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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